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SUBJECT: GUIDANCE TO MILITARY ASSISTANCE MANAGEMENT GROUPS

AS ADDRESSEES KNOW, THE BUREAU HAS BEEN TRYING FOR SOME TIME TO SECURE APPROVED STATE/DEFENSE GUIDANCE ON THE OPERATIONS, PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES, DUTIES AND STATUS OF THE GROUPS OTHER THAN THE ODC'S AT INFO ADDRESSEES, IN THE REGION. THE NEED FOR GUIDANCE ARISES FROM 1976 AND 1977 LEGISLATION WHICH MADE CHANGES IN THE NUMBERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF WHAT WE KNEW AS MILITARY GROUPS, MILGPS OR MILITARY LIAISON OFFICES. FAILING TO SECURE APPROVED WORLDWIDE GUIDANCE, ARA HAS, FROM TIME TO TIME, PROVIDED INTERIM SUGGESTIONS IN RESPONSE TO SPECIFIC QUESTIONS.

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NOW STATE 046673 OF FEBRUARY 24, 1978 HAS PROVIDED MOST OF THE GUIDANCE WHICH WAS SOUGHT, ON A WORLDWIDE BASIS. WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU MAKE UP A PACKAGE OF THAT CABLE TOGETHER WITH ALL ITS REFERENCES (THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1961 AS AMENDED BY PL 95-92, THE ARMS EXPORT CONTROL ACT AS AMENDED BY PL 95-92, STATE 201236 DTG 240004Z

AUGUST 1977, STATE 207984 DTG 310241Z AUGUST 1977, STATE 252478 DTG 211400Z OCTOBER 1977, STATE 256085 DTG 261712Z OCTOBER 1977, AND STATE 224915 DTG 110119Z SEPTEMBER 1976)

TO SERVE AS BASIC GUIDANCE FOR THE EMBASSY, MILGP AND DEFENSE ATTACHE PERSONNEL. IF POSTS DO NOT HAVE ANY OF THESE DOCUMENTS, PLEASE LET US KNOW.

THE QUESTION OF PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES HAS NOT YET BEEN RESOLVED, EXCEPT FOR GUIDANCE APPLICABLE ONLY TO BRAZIL. WE HAVE ASKED THE OFFICE OF THE LEGAL ADVISOR TO PROVIDE THIS ON AN URGENT BASIS. ALSO NOT YET RESOLVED IS WHETHER THE STATUS OF THE GROUPS UNDER RECENT US LEGISLATION IS CONSISTENT WITH REMAINING MISSION AGREEMENTS WITH A NUMBER OF LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES.

WE WILL KEEP POSTS CURRENT AS FURTHER GUIDANCE IS DEVELOPED. CHRISTOPHER

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